■tftiag up of gas based power stations in Gujarar

*74. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared :he project for the setting up of gas-based 600 M.W. power station in Broach district of Gujarat by using gas from Gandhar;

(b) whether there is also a proposal for another gas based 750 M.W. power station at Pipavav in Bhavnagar district; if so, by when the proposal is likely to be cleared;

(c) how many proposals from the Government of Gujarat for power stations are pending clearance; and

(d) whether Government have decided to sanction power projects in private, joint and co-operative sectors; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals have been received from the Gujarat Electricity Board in regard to setting up a 600 MW Combined Cycle gas-based poweplant in the Bharuch district based on utilisation of gas from Gandhar fields and a 750 MW Combined Cycle gas-based power plant at Pipavav in South Saurashtra.

An Inter-Ministerial Group which was constituted to consider the possibility of setting up gas-based generating units on a priority basis has recommended the setting up of gas-based power plants in the Central Sector at different locations, including in Gujarat. The National Thermal Power Corporation have been asked to prepare Feasibility Report(s) The proposals in respect ot gas-based power plants at Gandhar and Pipavav could be considered further, keeping in view the availability of gas and the power requirements.

(c) The following proposals relating to thermal schemes in Gujarat have been received by the Central Electricity Authority:—

(i) Narmada Thermal Power Station Stage-I-2x500 MW.

(ii) Sikka Thermal Power Station Stage-III-2x210 MW.

(iii) Ankleshwar GT Combined Cycle Station-30 MW.

(iv) Vatwa GT Combined Cycle Station at Ahmedabad. (M/s Ahmedabad Electricity Company)-100 MW.

(v) Utran GT Combined Cycle Station-135 MW.

(vi) Baroda GT Combined Cycle Station of M/s Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (Co-operative Captive Power Plant)-135 MW.

These proposals could be techno-economically appraised/posed for investment decision after the availability of various inputs such as fuel linkage and water availability etc. has been settled and the requisite clearances, including from the environmental angle, have been obtained.

(d) The policy with regard to the generation and distribution of electricity is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 which does not preclude the expansion of the existing privately-owned utilities or the establishment of new units in the private sector, when the national interest so requires. The question of facilitating the participation of the private sector in power generation and related aspects are receiving attention and the modalities in this regard are being examined.